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1. Prior to 20 June 1952, the Nachrichtenschule in Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) was still occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. During the period from 15 to 20 June, the troops were seen receiving basic training, firing training and training in entrenching. On 18 June, about 300 soldiers moved to the Aue training area. The troops were armed with rifles and submachine guns and carried 12 machine guns. The Aue training area was placed off limits on that day. Detonations of hand grenades were heard. On 19 June, five mortars of about 120-mm caliber were seen at the Aue training area. Motor vehicles were seen at the installation.

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2. The Altes Lager was still used as fuel depot and storage place for ammunition prior to 20 June. A labor detail of about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was stationed in the camp. (1) Motor

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3. During the period from 10 to 20 June, there was no change in the occupation of the Neues Lager. The approach roads were still blocked and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The beams of four powerful searchlights were seen at the Neues Lager during the night of 13 June. Gun fire was heard from the direction of Neues Lager during that night. At about 7 p.m. on 14 June, 30 new trucks were seen entering the Neues Lager. Gun fire including fire of rocket launchers was heard from the direction of the training area. Trucks were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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4. On 11 June and again on 12 June, two 4-axle tank cars were emptied at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. A train with 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns and 4 trucks was at the railroad station on 15 June. About 50 to 60 soldiers were seen near three boxcars. Truck mounting a machine gun was on the ramp. A train with about 50 new trucks arrived from the direction of Dresden in the afternoon. A train of 43 flatcars carrying trucks proceeded in the direction of Benfthenberg at 7 p.m. on 10 June. Trucks were on the loading ramp. (3)

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5. On 12 June, between 50 and 60 new unnumbered trucks were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station by 10 officers and 60 soldiers who had arrived on trucks [redacted] (4)

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6. On 3 June, [redacted] about 80 canvas-covered tanks were sheltered in a camp in the woods near Bohra 4.5 km west of Koenigsbrueck along the Koenigsbrueck Gaecka road. (5) [redacted] about 100 canvas-covered tanks were parked in the open in Schmorkau. During the period from 16 to 18 June, [redacted] 2 T guns and 12 tanks accompanied by infantry entered in practices in the area of Schwepnitz. [redacted]

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7. On 25 April, the Division Hospital in Grimma was transported by rail to Schmorkau and unloaded there at 2 p.m. on 26 April. One officer and 5 soldiers and all patients who could not be moved remained in Grimma. The hospital was quartered in the farmhouse on the westnorthwest edge of Schmorkau. Two sections of the hospital were deactivated and attached to the hospital in Weissen. The personnel of the hospital included 32 medical officers and 47 soldiers. Colonel Arkov (fnu), the chief physician, who simultaneously was chief of all infirmaries and medical installations of the troop training grounds had to furnish eight-man groups for each practice with live ammunition. Major Harsov (fnu) was made political officer at the hospital on 25 April. While traveling with Lieutenant Iginenkov (fnu), the supply officer [redacted] supplies came from the ration supply depot on Koenigsbruecker Strasse in Dresden. Milk and fat were distributed through the dairy in Koenigsbrueck. White bread was issued by the supply depot in Neues Lager. Sick and wounded personnel were transported by ambulance [redacted] and jeeps [redacted] during the period from 25 April to 31 May. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) The Nachrichten Schule is still occupied by the 270th Gds Mort Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div, and the Neues Lager is still used as fuel depot.
- (2) [redacted] seen at the Neues Lager, the troop training grounds and in Koenigsbrueck confirm the 4th Gds AAA Div, permanently stationed in Neues Lager, the 8th Gds Mecz Div, the 11th Gds Tank Div of the First Gds Pocz Army and elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div in Chemnitz of the CGFC until 19 June. The fact that only one [redacted] of the 9th Tank Div was reported is another confirmation that this division is not in Koenigsbrueck this year, but is in Zeithain.
- (3) The Neues Lager appears to be still occupied by the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Pocz Army. The trains with four AA guns seen at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station carried units of the 4th Gds AAA Div which returned to Koenigsbrueck from firing practices in Bustraw. See [redacted] The arrival at the Neues Lager of new trucks on 14 June, the arrival at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station of 50 new [redacted] trucks on 15 June and the departure of a train of 43 flatcars carrying trucks on 18 June are most probably linked with the exchange of old vehicles for new ones by the 4th Gds AAA Div. According to [redacted] the trucks seen at the loading ramp belong to the aforementioned division.

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- 25X1 (4) The unloading on 12 June of new [redacted] motor vehicles by officers and personnel who, [redacted] arrived on trucks of the 9th Tank Div and the 11th Gds Tank Div tends to indicate that these divisions, too, are engaged in an exchange of motor vehicles. The new motor vehicles for the entire army, including the 9th Tank Div, are apparently sent to Moenigs-lueck and distributed from there. 25X1
- 25X1 (5) [redacted] in the woods southeast of Bohra which had capacity of about 2,000 troops. See [redacted]. It can definitely be assumed that a camp is located in the wooded area southeast of Bohra, although its pinpoint location is unknown. 25X1
- 25X1 (6) Colonel Arkov (fnu) is carried as chief physician and Lieutenant Ifimenko (fnu) as supply officer of the hospital. Major Karyov (fnu) is unknown. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] the ambulances mentioned belong to the 4th Gds AAA Div, the 8th Gds Mecz Div and the 11th Gds Tank Div. 25X1
- (7) [redacted] 25X1

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